



The Florida Keys and Key West offer the greatest variety of fishing in the world. Whether you want to prowl the reefs after yellowtail and grouper, stalk the backcountry in search of elusive bonefish, tarpon or permit, or troll the blue waters for dolphin and sailfish, there is a tournament to fit the bill.

Twelve months a year in the Florida Keys, you can compete for prizes, cash, trophies or just personal satisfaction.

This is your guide to the greatest number and variety of tournaments ever assembled in one area. It will tell you everything you need to know. Except how to win.

Of course, while not a month goes by that there isn't a fishing tournament in the Florida Keys, nobody can compete with the day-to-day angling opportunities we offer. From the remote backcountry creeks of the Everglades to the cobalt blue waters of the Gulfstream, no one has more ways to wet a line.

One of the simplest ways to fish the Keys is to hop aboard a party boat and head offshore for a morning, afternoon or evening. Grouper. Mutton snapper.

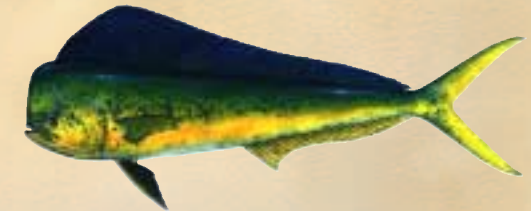
Kingfish. Dolphin – the possibilities truly are endless. For something more personalized, try one of our renowned charter captains for a true deep-sea adventure. Possible encounters include sailfish, marlin, tuna, wahoo, sharks, cobia, amberjack, yellowtail, to name a few.

If your preference is light-tackle angling, hire one of our accomplished inshore or backcountry guides and stalk some of the most elusive creatures that swim. Flats fishing combines the skills of hunting and fishing, as you pursue wily gamesters such as bonefish, tarpon, snook, redfish and the cagey permit. Flats fishing also requires stealth, patience and keen eyesight. So don't forget your polarized sunglasses.

Of course, hiring a guide or charter boat is only one way to fish the Keys. Feel free to bring your own boat, or simply try your luck along one of our designated fishing bridges.

To learn more about charters, tournaments and fishing in general, visit us at fla-keys.com/fishing or email us at fishumbrella@aol.com.

THE FLORIDA KEYS Fishing & Tournament Guide



DOLPHIN
{*Aimno flippers*}



BONEFISH
{*Spookus easys*}



TARPON
{*Butkickus fishus*}



SAILFISH
{*Leapus Maximus*}

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JAN Key Largo Sailfish Challenge

Director: Tom Hamilton 305-853-9840
Location: Key Largo, In The Florida Keys

Kingfish Fishing Tournament

Director: Graciela Lozano 305-296-7686
Location: Key West, In The Florida Keys

21st Annual Holiday Isle Sailfish Tournament

Director: Eileen McGuire 305-664-2321 Ext 622 F# 664-4570
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

Cheeca Lodge Presidential Sailfish Tournament

Director: Liz Hill 305-451-5094 F# 664-2083
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

Capt. Al Flutie Over The Hill Rip-Off

Director: Allan Mcleod 305-852-7703 F# 451-8059
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

Islamorada Fishing Club Sailfish Tournament

Director: Jan Moore 305-664-4735 F# 664-8060
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

Hog's Breath King Mackerel Tournament

Director: Lee Murray 305-296-0364 F# 292-3238
Location: Key West, In The Florida Keys

16th Annual Swamp Guides Fishing Tournaments

Director: Jim & Sherri Trice 305-664-3864 F# 664-5240
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

FEB Islamorada Women's Sailfish Tournament

Director: Tammie Gurgiolo 305-852-9337 fishnbully@msn.com
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

1st Annual Scientific Anglers Women's World Invitational Fly Championship - Backcountry Series

Director: Suzan Baker 305-664-2080 or Sue Moret 664-5423
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

7th Annual Capt. Leon Shell Memorial Billfish Tournament

Director: Terry Fisher 305-289-1310 F# 289-0562
Location: Key Colony Beach, In The Florida Keys

MAR Backbone Lures "Fish 'Til You Lose It"

Director: Paul Tejera 305-852-7888
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

Key West Fishing Tournament

Director: Doris Harris 800-970-9056 or 305-295-6601 F# 293-0672
Location: Key West, In The Florida Keys

Islamorada All-Tackle Spring Bonefish Tournament

Director: Jim Bokor 305-852-1694 F# 852-5091
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

APR Ghost Hunt Tournament

Director: Jeff Bacigalupo 305-852-5956 F# 852-1111 jeffb@dovecreekkodge.com
Location: Key Largo, In The Florida Keys

World Sailfish Championship

Director: Mike Weinhofer 305-294-3399 or 866-482-7529
Location: Key West, In The Florida Keys

Key West Classic

Director: Findlay Sinclair 305-295-1354 Phone/Fax
Location: Key West, In The Florida Keys

MAY 40th Annual Marathon International Tarpon Tournament

Director: Dave Navarro 305-743-6139 F# 743-0392 wca@tetranova.net
Location: Marathon, In The Florida Keys

30th Annual Ladies Tarpon Tournament

Director: Dave Navarro 305-743-6139 F# 743-0392 wca@tetranova.net
Location: Marathon, In The Florida Keys

20th Annual Coconuts Dolphin Tournament

Director: Charles Mountain 561-741-1124 F# 741-1125
Location: Key Largo, In The Florida Keys

20th Annual Faro Blanco Inv. Tarpon Tournament

Director: Dave Navarro 305-743-6139 F# 743-0392
Location: Marathon, In The Florida Keys

12th Annual Outback Steakhouse Golden Fly Invitational Tarpon Tournament

Director: Charlotte Ambrogio 305-664-2444 F# 517-4209
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

Dolphin Masters Invitational

Director: John Stuempfig 305-296-7511 F# 296-0358
Location: Key West, In The Florida Keys

JUN**Islamorada Fishing Club Captain's Cup Dolphin Tournament**

Director: Jan Moore 305-664-4735 F# 664-8060
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

Big Pine & Lower Keys Dolphin Tournament

Director: Lower Keys Chamber 305-872-2411 F# 872-0752
Location: Big Pine Key, In The Florida Keys

Dick Fuhr Memorial Fishing Tournament

Director: Walter Hoffman 305-458-4257 F# 258-0918
Location: Key Largo, In The Florida Keys

Don Hawley Invitational Tarpon Tournament

Director: Charlotte Ambrogio 305-664-2444 F# 517-4209
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

Cancer Foundation Dolphin Tournament

Director: David Banks 305-744-3467 dolphin2545@bellsouth.net
Location: Cudjoe Key, In The Florida Keys

Key West Fishing Tournaments- Swordfish Tournament

Director: Doris Harris 800-970-9056 or 305-295-6601 F# 293-0672
Location: Key West, In The Florida Keys

30th Annual Scientific Anglers Women's World Invitational Fly Championship - Tarpon Series

Director: Sue Moret 305-664-5423 or Suzan Baker 305-664-2080
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

20th Annual Father's Day Dolphin Derby

Director: Shannon Butler 305-743-3434 shannonbutler@bellsouth.net
Location: Marathon, In The Florida Keys

Gold Cup Tarpon Tournament

Director: Charlotte Ambrogio 305-664-2444
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

Burdines Waterfront 6th Annual Dolphin & Black Fin Tuna Fun Fishing Tournament

Director: Rose Smejkal 305-743-5317 F# 743-2995
Location: Marathon, In The Florida Keys

Key West Gator Club Dolphin Derby

Director: John Stuempfig 305-296-7511 F# 296-0358
Location: Key West, In The Florida Keys

JUL**Conch Republic Ladies Dolphin Tournament**

Director: John Stuempfig 305-296-7511 F# 296-0358
Location: Key West, In The Florida Keys

Key West Fishing Tournaments Flats Slam Tournament

Director: Doris Harris 800-970-9056 or 305-295-6601 F# 293-0672
Location: Key West, In The Florida Keys

Holiday Isle/Caribee Dolphin Tournament

Director: Eileen McGuire 305-664-2321 Ext 622 F# 664-4570
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

Rolex/IGFA Inshore Championship Tournament

Director: Mike Myatt 954-927-2628 F# 924-4299
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

Geiger Key Dolphin Daze

Director: Bill Meagher 305-296-3553 F# 293-9319
Location: Key West, In The Florida Keys

Del Brown Invitational Permit Tournament

Director: Charlotte Ambrogio 305-664-2444
Location: Key West, In The Florida Keys

Key West Marlin Tournament

Director: Scott Greene 305-292-2710 Phone/Fax
Location: Key West, In The Florida Keys

Ladies, Let's Go Fishing Reel @ The Reef

Director: Betty Bauman 954-475-9068 F# 474-7299
Location: Key Largo, In The Florida Keys

Islamorada Fishing Club Redghost Stalk

Director: Jim & Sherri Trice 305-664-3864 F# 664-5250
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

AUG**Islamorada Swordfish Tournament**

Director: Richard Peoples 305-282-1006 F# 887-7768
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Key

Mercury Redbone @ Large Little Palm Island Grand Slam

Director: Gary Ellis 305-664-2002 F# 664-9036
Location: Little Torch Key, In The Florida Key

SEPT**Mercury Redbone Celebrity S.L.A.M.**

Director: Gary Ellis 305-664-2002 F# 664-9036
Location: Key West, In The Florida Key

OCT**Islamorada Inv. Fall Fly Bonefish Tournament**

Director: Walter Hunter 305-852-0710
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

Marathon International Bonefish Tournament

Director: Lindsay Rabito 305-743-7368
Location: Marathon, In The Florida Keys

Mercury Redbone Celebrity Baybone

Director: Gary Ellis 305-664-2002 F# 664-9036
Location: Key Largo, In The Florida Key

Mercury Outboards Bonefishing World Championship Islamorada All-Tackle Bonefish Tournament

Director: Charlotte Ambrogio 305-664-2444
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Key

Take Stock In The Children Backcountry Challenge

Director: Sue Finney 305-451-2467 F# 451-2490
Location: Key Largo, In The Florida Key

Ladies, Let's Go Fishing Islamorada

Director: Betty Bauman 954-475-9068 F# 474-7299
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

11th Annual Scientific Anglers Women's World Invitational Fly Championship - Bonefish Series

Director: Suzan Baker 305-664-2080 or Sue Moret 664-5423
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

Action Craft's 15th Owners Tournament

Director: Angela Nichols 239-574-7008 F# 574-1152
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

NOV**Conch Republic Offshore Powerboat Race Assoc. Fishing Tourn.**

Director: Bill Spottswood bill@spottswood.com
Location: Key West, In The Florida Keys

Islamorada Fishing Club Junior Derby

Director: Jim & Sherri Trice 305-664-3864 F# 664-5250
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Key

Islamorada Sailfish Tournament

Director: Dianne Harbaugh 305-852-2102 F# 852-2102
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Key

Mercury Cheeca/Redbone Celebrity Tournament

Director: Gary Ellis 305-664-2002 F# 664-9036
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

DEC**Ocean Reef BTU Backbone Classic**

Director: Jack Curlett 305-367-2727 F# 367-2938
Location: Key Largo, In The Florida Keys

Florida Key Gold Cup Sailfish Championship

Director: Dianne Harbaugh 305-852-2102
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

Islamorada Fishing Club Captain's Cup Sailfish Tournament

Director: Jan Moore 305-664-4735 F# 664-8060
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

Don Gurgiolo Sailfish Classic

Director: Tammie Gurgiolo 305-852-9337
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Key

Islamorada Junior Sailfish Tournament

Director: Tammie Gurgiolo 305-852-9337
Location: Islamorada, In The Florida Keys

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TIPS FOR BOATERS & FISHERMEN

Dumping trash at sea is illegal; plastic bags & other debris can injure or kill marine animals. Retrieve fishing gear & equipment, especially monofilament line. Accidental boat groundings damage the reef. Prop damage destroys shallow seagrass beds. Consult tide and navigational charts & steer clear of shallow areas. Remember, "Brown, brown, run aground. Blue, blue, sail on through." Use reef mooring buoys or anchor in sandy areas away from coral & seagrasses so you do not damage the coral or seagrass beds. Use sewage pump-out facilities, biodegradable bilge cleaner and never discharge sewage or bilgewater at the reef. Maintain safe distances from fishermen. Observe size & catch limits; release all fish you can't eat. Avoid wildlife disturbance; stay 200 feet or more offshore; keep speed, noise & wakes to a minimum near mangroves.